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'Freak accident' kills boarder

Popular spot.

Neighbours long feared worst would happen in alley used by riders



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Friends watched in horror Tuesday morning as a young Calgary longboarder died in what police described as a "freak accident."

The incident took place near the 100 block of Millrise Block S.W. shortly before noon.

A 13-year-old boy, identified by friends as Duncan McRae, was on his longboard heading down a popular alley used by area kids when he hit a curb and then a barrier wire.

A respiratory therapist, who identified herself only as Susan, was stopped at a red light nearby. She heard the screams and raced from the car to assist.

"It was just awful," she

said, returning to the scene of the incident Tuesday evening. "I just came back to tell them (McRae's friends) that I tried."

McRae attended school at nearby Samuel W. Shaw and had recently celebrated a 13th birthday, friends said.

"He loved having the wind in his hair," said riding mate Josh Hughes. "Riding through this alley is just not going to be the same anymore."

But while some kids continued to longboard down the alley Tuesday night, Laverne Schaffer, whose house backs onto the popular spot, deemed the area an "accident waiting to happen."

"They come down here so fast," Schaffer said. "During the summer they do it regularly, almost daily."

Calgary police duty Insp. Paul Stacey said it was a tragic set of circumstances.

"You know — little guy, he's out there with his friends, he's doing everything he should be doing, he's wearing his safety equipment and then a freak accident happens," he said.

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Friends of deceased Calgary longboarder Duncan McRae, 13, inset, stand in the alley where he passed through earlier in the day and died after striking a barrier wire. From left to right: Josh Hughes, Wojtek Musial, Jarod Porter, Ethan Doucette, Caleb Bryce and Holden Lashawn. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

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Middle school named after 1st fallen female soldier

Capt. Nichola Goddard — the first female Canadian soldier killed in combat — was memorialized Tuesday as the Calgary Board of Education opened the doors to one of its newest schools, which is named after the fallen Calgary soldier.

The Captain Nichola Goddard middle school in Northern Hills is one of 15 new schools in Alberta welcoming students this year.

At the grand opening Lt.-Col. Scott Long, who trained with Goddard in 2005 prior to her deployment to Afghanistan, said he had no doubt Goddard would be thrilled by the honour.

"I think it's a great long-lasting legacy to her memory," he added. "But also in recognition for all the men and women that serve and that have given up their lives."

The school's principal, Joy Chadwick, said the name also "places a lot of expectations on who we are as a school community."

Many of the students enrolled already know the history of the school's moniker, Chadwick said. Collectively, the students decided that in light of Goddard's significance in Canadian history a phoenix rising from the ashes would be the school's mascot, she said.

Alberta minister of education, Jeff Johnson, said Goddard's name is already significant in households across Alberta and Canada, and that calling the school after her would help to build a strong community. **CELESTE DE MUELENAERE/**
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Firefighters survey the scene outside the Shamrock Hotel Tuesday morning, after rescuing five people from the smoke-filled building by smashing second-floor windows and extracting the guests by ladder. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Firefighters rescue hotel guests trapped in rooms

Ramsay. Heavy smoke in hallway of Shamrock Hotel meant crews had to break windows

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Eleven people fled a three-alarm fire at the Shamrock Hotel in Ramsay early Tuesday morning, including five who had to be rescued by ladder through broken windows, according to the Calgary Fire Department.

"We got ladders up, took out the glass, and got the people out as fast as we could," Battalion Chief Larry Fisher said.

"Very heavy black smoke" prevented the guests from exiting their rooms into the hallway, Fisher added.

Three people were treated for "minor smoke inhalation" and later released, said police Insp. Paul Stacey, but no major injuries were reported.

One guest publicly complained that a fire escape he tried to use was chained

shut, but a spokesman for the hotel said the device had been long decommissioned and was no longer part of the building's fire-escape routes.

"It used to service a restaurant on the second floor, and the restaurant has been closed for five years," Darcy Clendenning said.

"The reason why it was

chained like that was because we have a lot of vandals around there going up to the roof at three or four in the morning, and that's very dangerous."

Fisher said investigators were taking statements from guests about the escape, but as far as he knew on Tuesday, "there were no fire exits locked."

"There are 11 people alive today because of the Calgary Fire Department." Battalion Chief Larry Fisher

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Virus exposure

Three more West Nile cases reported

Alberta Health Services officials confirmed three more human cases of West Nile Virus in the province and will update virus-case numbers in the province on a weekly basis.

Three women — one from the Calgary area, one from central Alberta and another from the northern zone — have contracted the virus.

Both the Calgary patient and the northern zone patient are believed to have been exposed to the non-neurological West Nile while travelling in Eastern Canada.

The woman from the central zone has contracted the more serious but rare neurological syndrome of West Nile, and doctors have not confirmed where she may have been exposed to the virus.

Albertans are encouraged to wear insect repellent with DEET; wear long-sleeved,



Health officials announced three new cases of West Nile Virus, carried by mosquitos like the one pictured here. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

light-coloured shirts and pants; wear a hat; and consider staying indoors at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active. METRO

Animal welfare

Rescue groups seek help for dogs taken from alleged Priddis homicide scene

Local rescue groups are asking for donations to assist in the care of 18 dogs that were taken from a Priddis farm following an alleged homicide.

R.J. Bailot, executive

director with Pound Rescue, said following the death of Alberta peace officer Rod Lazenby, both Pound Rescue and the Alberta Animal Rescue Crew Society stepped up to care for nearly half of the roughly 40 dogs found on the property.

The animals were under the care of Trevor Kloschinsky, who has been charged with first-degree murder in Lazenby's death.

Bailot said the cattle dogs are in relatively good health but the groups are

Quoted

"We feel it's very important that these dogs do get a second chance."

R.J. Bailot,
Pound Rescue executive director

hoping donations from the public will cover medical costs.

Donations can be made at aars.ca or poundrescue.com. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Calgary native Wickenheiser puts female face on NHL video game

History maker. Haley Wickenheiser adds another notch to her hockey stick as a video-game avatar

She's been a pioneer in the hockey world for years. Now, Hayley Wickenheiser is making video-game history too.

The star of Canada's women's hockey team is one of the first two female athletes to be featured as a playable character in a professional sports league video game.

Players of EA Sports' NHL 13 will have the option of choosing either Wickenheiser or veteran American defenceman Angela Ruggiero as avatars.

"Traditionally, video games have been seen as something for boys, and hockey's been seen as a game for boys," Wickenheiser said in an interview Tuesday. "And now it's not."

EA Sports started including female players in NHL 12, which featured generic female characters. But this is the first time recognizable, real-world female athletes are

a part of the made-in-Canada game.

"This year we are very excited to continue our effort of creating a more representative experience for female hockey fans by adding two of the greatest female athletes to ever play the game in Wickenheiser and Ruggiero to NHL 13," EA senior producer David Littman said in a statement.

Wickenheiser says having women represented as professional athletes is about "equality for women and doing the right thing."

"You know, what's great is that females are 50 per cent of the population that play video games nowadays, and 50 per cent of the population, or more than that, so I think it's a natural fit," she added. "I think women's sport has really grown."

While the star forward may be featured in the NHL video game, Wickenheiser doesn't think it's a realistic goal to integrate female players into the league.

"I think the real goal for women in hockey should be to have a professional league, and there's no reason why they can't in time," said Wickenheiser, who helped lead the Calgary Dinos to the

Game girl

- EA Sports included the female player in NHL 12 after a 14-year-old girl emailed the company saying she felt underrepresented as a hockey-video-game fan.
- In addition to Wickenheiser and Ruggiero, former NHL stars Jari Kurri, Doug Gilmour and Dominik Hasek have also been added to the Legends roster for NHL 13.

Canadian women's university title earlier this year. "It could be equally as entertaining as the NHL."

Since she's still active as an athlete, Wickenheiser doesn't necessarily see herself as the person who will get that idea off the ground, but she says she can see it coming together in the near future.

In the meantime, gamers will have the option to choose Wickenheiser or Ruggiero in NHL 13. The game, which is developed in Burnaby, B.C., will be released Sept. 11.

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Hayley Wickenheiser, Olympic-gold-medal-winning hockey player and one of the first two women to be featured as playable characters in a pro-sports-league video game, is seen before the release of NHL 13 in Toronto. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Calgary-born Alister McQueen trains at Foothills Athletic Park on Aug. 17 before travelling to London to compete in the Paralympic Games. KATIE TURNER/METRO

First-time Paralympians ready to bring back gold

12 days. The London 2012 Paralympic Summer Games run from Aug. 29 to Sept. 9.

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Whether it's waiting for the gun to sound, or preparing to take out another player on the rugby pitch, two Calgary athletes are ready to hit the world stage for the first time at the 2012 Paralympics.

Following the London Olympics, which wrapped up this month, Canada will be sending another team of athletes to compete at the Paralympic Summer Games.

Okotoks resident Zak Madell, 18, is touted as one of the fastest-rising stars in the world of wheelchair rugby. He said after being poached from a wheelchair basketball team, he was hooked on the sport.

"I only started playing

rugby last February," said Madell, a recent high school graduate. "I never expected a year and a half ago to make it to the Paralympics."

As the only Albertan on the team, Madell said he's hoping to represent the province and bring home a medal. During a tournament in June, the team finished second to the United States, losing by only two points.

"We're obviously hoping to play for gold," he said. "There's a good shot for us."

Calgary-born track athlete Alister McQueen, 21, will also be up against some stiff competition in the 100- and 200-metre events, competing against runners such as South Africa's Oscar Pistorius — a man with two prosthetic legs who made history when he competed recently at the Olympics.

McQueen, who lost his leg to a congenital birth defect when he was nine months old, said he's ready for the challenge and even plans to run on a relatively new leg in London.

"Other people might not have to do that — they

In it to win it

"We're obviously hoping to play for gold. There's a good shot for us."

Wheelchair rugby player Zak Madell

Paralympics primer

- In total, 145 athletes and 12 athlete-support personnel, including pilots and guides, will be taking part for Canada.
- In the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games, Canada finished third in total medals won.
- Canada's goal is to finish in the top eight nations in London.
- To learn more about Team Canada, go to paralympic.ca.

might just have to get used to a new pair of shoes or something. But I don't think it stops me from doing anything."

McQueen is heading into the Games as the current Canadian amputee record holder in the T44 (disabled event classification) 100 metres, 200 metres and javelin.

"If I can make it to the finals, it's one race. Who knows what will happen?"

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Amber Tuccaro. RCMP hope recording provides leads in case of missing woman

An RCMP task force investigating missing women in Alberta hopes a disturbing recording of a man's voice will help them crack a case.

Police say they hope the recording will help them find out what happened to Amber Tuccaro, 20, who was last seen Aug. 18, 2010, in Leduc County southeast of Edmonton.

Project Karet investigators say the man was with Tuccaro after she was last seen.

On the recording, Tuccaro is in a vehicle and sounds agitated as she asks the man where they are going, and says, "You better not be taking me anywhere I don't



Amber Tuccaro has been missing since 2010. RCMP HANDOUT

want to go."

Police are encouraging people to listen to the recording at karet.ca and albertamissingpersons.ca and to contact RCMP if they have any information.

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Single-vehicle accident

Lethbridge man victim in B.C. crash

A man from Lethbridge, Alta., has been identified as the victim in a crash in southeastern B.C.

RCMP say Clark Bohmer, 35, was killed Monday in a single-vehicle accident on Highway 3 near Sparwood. Police say he was the only occupant in the vehicle towing a fifth-wheel trailer when it left the road and landed on its side in Alexander Creek. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Launched in June

Province touts one-stop shop for student-aid info

The Alberta government touted a new one-stop website for student aid in the province Tuesday.

The Student Aid Alberta site has already been accessed 35,000 times since launching in June. The site allows students to apply for aid, review their loans and even instantaneously receive responses. METRO



Pam Krause, left, and Nick Moore with the Calgary Sexual Health Centre are seen with some of the hand-painted "woodies," being used in a new promotional campaign. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Sex-health centre wants you to paint a 'woody'

Campaign. Lady Gaga, Oprah and many others asked to take part in awareness initiative



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ness campaign being run by the Calgary Sexual Health Centre.

"I feel like we have really turned a corner," said Pam Krause, the centre's executive director. "This is playful.... But what we know is teen pregnancy rates over the past 35 years have gone down, and that's the case across Canada. At the same time, sexually transmitted infection rates have gone up astronomically. So you start to think something is wrong here."

The "woodies," as they have come to be known, have long been used by commun-

Auction

- The Calgary Sexual Health Centre will auction off the woodies that are painted at their 40th anniversary gala in late October.

ity educators like the centre's Nick Moore to educate teenagers on proper condom use.

Moore came up with the woody campaign as a way to reduce stigma surrounding the objects.

"There is always a fight over the Angry Birds one,"

Moore said with a laugh while organizing a few dozen woodies on a table Tuesday.

So far, the centre has sent off woody-painting kits to icons like Oprah Winfrey, Lady Gaga and Whoopi Goldberg.

In the weeks ahead, Mayor Naheed Nenshi's artistic ability will be sought and, potentially, Premier Alison Redford's as well.

"They (the woodies) are novel," Moore said. "Everybody loves them."

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Swigs. Argument over sports led to man's death: Police

Police say a dispute over the Toronto Blue Jays may have ultimately led to the death of a 41-year-old Calgary man over the weekend.

Staff Sgt. Doug Andrus said investigators have determined the victim, identified as Brian Ludwig, 41, had been arguing with a fellow patron at Swigs Pub and Grill in the community of Cedarbrae before he was allegedly punched early Sunday morning.

"Earlier in the evening,

the victim was involved in a discussion with another male patron in regards to a sports team," said Andrus. "This led to an argument and a physical confrontation out in the parking lot later on in the evening."

Andrus said a third person intervened in the argument and is alleged to have punched Ludwig.

Scott Robert Hooser, 27, of Calgary, has been charged with manslaughter.

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Norwegian PM apologizes for mistakes during massacre

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Government promises new plan to deal with crises after 500-page report exposes flaws

Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg on Tuesday apologized for flaws in the response to last year's bomb-and-gun rampage by a right-wing extremist who killed 77 people.

Stoltenberg also pledged sweeping measures to improve terror preparedness, telling lawmakers that the government will adopt an emergency plan to deal with crises. The plan entails establishing a new emergency-response centre, improving co-operation between rescue teams and better flow of information between officials.

His address to Parliament came in the wake of a 500-page report by a government-appointed commission that exposed shortcomings in the Scandinavian country's

crisis preparedness and highlighted police blunders during the July 22, 2011, attacks when Anders Behring Breivik gunned down 69 people on Utoya island after exploding a bomb in central Oslo, killing eight.

Breivik, who was convicted of terror and given a 21-year prison sentence that can be extended for as long as he's considered a threat to society, told the court that he had expected to be killed by police.

Instead, their bungled response allowed him to hunt down panicked teenagers on Utoya for more than an hour before they arrested him.

On Tuesday, Stoltenberg conceded that as head of government he held the highest responsibility and that it had taken that responsibility and led the nation in the aftermath of the massacre.

Still, he conceded that mistakes had been made and, listing the main conclusions of the report, he said: "For this I apologize."

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Yasser Arafat

Was Palestinian leader poisoned?

French prosecutors opened a murder inquiry into the death of Yasser Arafat on Tuesday, his widow's lawyer said, after she and a TV investigation raised new questions about whether the Palestinian leader was poisoned. A Swiss lab's recent finding of elevated levels of polonium-210 — a rare and highly lethal radioactive substance — on Arafat's clothing has fed claims Arafat was poisoned. However, the Institute of Radiation Physics said its findings were inconclusive.

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Ukraine

Opposition leader makes court appeal

Lawyers for Ukraine's jailed opposition leader, Yulia Tymoshenko, appealed to Europe's human-rights court Tuesday as her only hope for a fair hearing, accusing the government of rigging the criminal case against her. A lawyer for the government denied any political motive.

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Jordan. 1,200 defectors housed in secret compound

In an isolated stretch of Jordanian desert, a heavily guarded, undisclosed compound houses 1,200 senior police and army officers who defected from nearby Syria.

The men live in trailers with fans but no air conditioning, surrounded by barbed wire, and they pass their days browsing the Internet and watching TV for news of Syria's civil war, longing to join the fight — but they are largely unable to leave.

The Jordanian military runs the camp near a site formerly used by the U.S. to train some of its forces for the war in Iraq, and the defectors are debriefed by intelligence agents. Access to them is tightly restricted for their own protection. They are even separated from their families, who live outside the camp near the northern border city of Mafraq but can get special police permits to visit.

The defectors in the camp are allowed to communicate with the rebel Free Syrian Army in Jordan and abroad, both in person and through telephone and Internet communications, but do not have

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"It's good to be here, away from the tension and war, but this is not what I had hoped for."

Khalidoun (no last name given), former Syrian army brigadier, on being unable to join the rebels on the frontlines

what is considered valuable intelligence, according to Jordanian security officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not allowed to make press statements.

The facility is a sign of Jordan's growing role as a quiet supporter of Syria's opposition. But at the same time, Jordan wants to avoid aggravating tensions with its more powerful northern neighbour, fearing that President Bashar Assad may remain in power.

There are more than 160,000 Syrian refugees in Jordan, and their number is increasing by the thousands every day. About 8,000 live in a newly set up camp on the border, while the rest are scattered across Jordan.

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Syrian opposition exiles pen plan for nation's democracy

Skeptics. Rebels and civilians doubt leaders' plan will effect change

In the foreign halls of power, the strategy is clear: Syria's opposition should unite to present an alternative to Bashar Assad's rule — a step France's president says would lead to diplomatic recognition.

As a move toward unity, Syrian exiles from the main opposition Syrian National Council and other groups unveiled a blueprint Tuesday in the German capital of Berlin for transition to a democratic, transparent society free of religious and ethnic favouritism.

But rebels and civilians in the bomb-shattered Syrian town of Azaz near the Turkish border view such talk as hollow. They are deeply skeptical of all exiled leaders and believe what really matters is their fight on the ground to



A Syrian girl plays with her little sister at a border crossing Tuesday.

MUHAMMED MUHEISEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

overthrow the regime.

"They have never come up with a united position that will save the people," said Fadi Hajji, 25, who had been camped out along the Syrian border in Turkey with his wife and two infant daughters for five days. "All they are good at is arguing. They don't represent anyone here and they don't help."

With no end to the carnage in sight, French President Francois Hollande called on

the Syrian opposition Monday to form a provisional government, saying France would recognize and support it.

Hollande's statement is believed to be the first of its kind.

As the war inside Syria appears to be grinding to a stalemate, so too is the political struggle. Most foreign powers want to see unity before giving support but the opposition is unable or unwilling to put aside their differences and unite. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cyprus

7 Syrians aboard sunken boat dead

The UN refugee agency says seven Syrians who were aboard a fishing boat that sank off the north coast of Cyprus late last week have died.

Agency spokeswoman Melissa Fleming says four men, one woman, and two children died. She says there also were two survivors who were later arrested on smuggling charges.

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Transitional government

U.S. gets flak for cautious approach

The head of the main Syrian opposition group seeking to oust President Bashar Assad criticized U.S. officials Tuesday for saying it was premature to speak about a transitional Syrian government.

The comments came on the same day a car bomb ripped through a Damascus suburb, killing 12 people, according to Syria's official state news agency. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Republican presidential candidate and former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney with his wife Ann and his vice-presidential running mate, Rep. Paul Ryan, far right, and Ryan's wife, Janna, during a campaign rally in Manassas, Va., on Aug. 11. PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Republicans formally tap Romney for president

Presidential race. Polls show Romney, Obama in dead heat, with the economy the top issue in the campaign

Republicans bestowed their presidential nomination on Mitt Romney on Tuesday, turning to the former Massachusetts governor and millionaire

businessman to drive Barack Obama from the White House and usher in a new era of small-government conservatism.

The overwhelming, enthusiastic vote of delegates at the Republican National Convention belied Romney's long, difficult road to the party's nomination: losing to Sen. John McCain four years ago and fending off a series of rivals in a brutal nomination fight this year.

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Hurricane Isaac

Republican exuberance was tempered as Hurricane Isaac neared the Gulf of Mexico, likely to strike the same states hit by Hurricane Katrina seven years ago.

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Samsung facing a rethink following Apple patent verdict

'Fast follower.' South Korean tech giant must now figure out how to tackle the challenge of moving from imitation to innovation

A U.S. jury's \$1-billion US verdict against Samsung for what rival Apple claimed was the illegal copying of its iPhone and iPad designs signals a turning point for the South Korean electronics giant known for its prowess in adapting the innovations of others and nimbly executing production.

The verdict not only jolted the world of global gadgetry but also likely sparked some soul-searching in Suwon, South Korea, where the family-run Samsung conglomerate is based.

The world's top seller of smartphones finds itself in the post-iPhone reality, where

Strict hierarchy

- Samsung's top-heavy command structure centres on the founding family. At the apex is 70-year-old Lee Kun-hee, who inherited the mantle from his father, Samsung founder Lee Byung-chull, in 1987.
- The strict hierarchy has enabled speedy and bold investment and swift execution. That, plus the ability to build on the innovations of others, has helped Samsung become the world's largest maker of televisions, memory chips, liquid crystal display panels and now smartphones.

the decades-long practice of industry mimicry now can mean a bruising legal challenge.

And so Samsung finds it-

self in a position of having to recreate itself as an innovator, not an imitator. But the switch, experts say, will be much more challenging and time-consuming than the shortcuts Samsung used to take.

Samsung has long been regarded as a "fast follower"—imitating or licensing technologies and then competing by lowering costs, improving quality and adding functions.

When Apple released its cutting-edge iPhone in 2007, Samsung employees were likely too pressed to catch up to scrutinize possible patent encroachments. South Korea's idea of intellectual property is also less strict than that in the U.S., and speedy execution is highly valued at Samsung.

Still, Samsung outsold Apple this year in smartphones by offering more variety, including low-end phones for price-conscious consumers.

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Lincoln luxury rolls into China

Ford Motor Co. unveils its Lincoln concept car at a converted 600-year-old temple in Beijing on Tuesday. Ford, eager to grab a piece of China's growing luxury market, plans to start selling Lincoln vehicles there in 2014—the first time that the nearly 100-year-old brand will be available in China. The Lincolns sold in China will be made in North America, at least initially. FORD MOTOR CO./THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lumber. B.C. bucks downturn in wood prices

British Columbia bucked a global trend as strong demand from Asia and the United States boosted sawlog prices in the second quarter.

Global prices fell for the fourth consecutive three-month quarter and were 11.5 per cent lower than a year ago, industry publication Wood Resource Quarterly said Tuesday.

The only exceptions were Canada's key wood-producing region and the western U.S.

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Revamp. Lexmark lays off 1,700, cuts inkjet printers

Lexmark is jettisoning its inkjet printers and laying off 1,700 workers as paper becomes increasingly passé in an age of ever-sleeker digital devices and online photo albums on Internet hangouts like Facebook.

The shake-up announced Tuesday is the latest fallout from the growing popularity of smartphones and tablet computers that make it easier to store and retrieve content from anywhere with an Internet connection.

As a result, computer printers are used less frequently, especially at home.

That's hurting printer makers, whose revenue is falling at the same time profit margins are being squeezed by fierce competition.

The company, based in Lexington Ky., will stop mak-

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"It's a declining market with far too many players."

Gartner Inc. analyst Federico De Silva, who estimates the number of monthly pages printed by the average consumer has fallen by more than 40 per cent in recent years.

ing inkjet printers that were primarily sold to consumers and instead focus on more sophisticated machines aimed at offices and customers that still produce a lot of content on paper, like advertisers and catalogue publishers.

People who already own Lexmark inkjets should have no immediate concerns. Lexmark plans to sell replacement ink cartridges and other supplies for its machines for several more years.

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Media. Brit press watchdog fields complaints over pics

A press watchdog says it has received some 3,600 complaints over The Sun's decision to publish nude photos of Britain's Prince Harry.

The tabloid was the only national newspaper to carry the pictures, which first appeared online and quickly became an international talking point.

They captured the prince frolicking in the nude with an unidentified woman after what was alleged to have been a game of strip billiards in his Las Vegas hotel room.

Royal officials argued that the photos were a breach of the prince's privacy, but the officials weren't among those who'd filed complaints with Britain's Press Complaints Commission.

That makes it unlikely any action will be taken against



Prince Harry at the 2012 Summer Olympics. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Sun, which said it published the photos in the public interest.

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WHOSE IDEA WAS IT TO GIVE SMARTPHONES TO STUPID PEOPLE?



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It happened overnight.

One day, people went about their business, sharp and alert, and then, the very next day, the streets and roads were filled with slack-jawed zombies peering into little screens, tapping compulsively on little keypads, oblivious to anyone and anything around them.

Smartphones have almost instantly turned us all, well, many of us anyway, into stupid people.

People who drive into each other at high speeds because they're too busy tapping LOL into their smartphones.

People who try to order lunch in a busy lineup at the same time agreeing with their girlfriend (who is somewhere else) that all men are, like, total potting soil.

People who block street corners and doorways and elevators, breathing through their mouths, inert.

People who drop their smartphones into the urinal while updating their fantasy football roster.

People who go out for dinner and text each other across the table.

I could go on. In fact, I will. There's even a Facebook page called Smart Phones, Stupid People. And they're not kidding.

There's a story about a stupid man who was so busy downloading an app on his smartphone while he was driving that it wasn't until he got home, parked his van in the driveway and police came to his door that he learned he had run over a 300-pound man.

There's a photo of a truck with a message on the back: "Don't text and drive: Yours may be on the next shipment: Batesville Casket Company."

There's a story about how people with smartphones have become such a danger to themselves and others in Fort Lee, N.J., that the local police chief has officers ticketing people on the spot. He had to do something: There have already been 23 text-related pedestrian accidents since January.

And, finally, there's the story of the Stupidest Person Ever. A college student (named Chance, LOL) from Texas was driving when he texted to his friend: "I need to quit texting, because I could die in a car accident." He then immediately drove off a bridge and over a cliff. He suffered a broken neck, a crushed face, a fractured skull, and brain trauma. How could that be? He has no brain.

Believe it or not, distracted smartphone-related driving led to 3,000 road fatalities in the U.S. last year. If this keeps up, an entire generation will go over the cliff along with Chance.

At that point, the meek and a few others who can't afford a smartphone shall inherit the Earth.

At last, IMHO.



Texting while driving is nothing to LOL about. YOUTUBE SCREEN GRAB

Game of cat and mouse continues



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Mouse play

British PM's cat snatches a mouse

Larry, the Downing Street cat, is seen on patrol.

The tabby recruited by British Prime Minister David Cameron to ward off mice at his official residence, 10 Downing Street, has recorded his first kill in months. A Downing Street spokeswoman says a staff member found the five-year-old Chief Mouser Tuesday sitting outside the famous black door with a dead mouse. Larry, a former stray, has been known to take a relaxed approach to his duties.

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David Cameron

Heathrow expansion

Kill made at same time as MP's mouse call

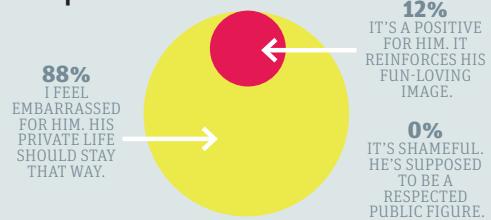
The timing couldn't have been better: On Tuesday, a member of Cameron's Conservative Party was questioning whether the leader was "man or mouse" over his opposition to the expansion of Heathrow Airport.

Tim Yeo is pressing Cameron to change his mind. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Movie reviews

Lawless

Director: John Hillcoat

Stars: Tom Hardy, Shia LaBeouf, Guy Pearce

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Lawless sees director John Hillcoat once more teaming up with cult gothic rock god Nick Cave for a violent, meandering, macho shoot em up. The results are less weighty than their previous Cave penned collaborations, Ghosts of the Civil Dead and The Proposition, in fact, despite the ample bloodshed and agony on screen, Lawless is actually kind of a — gasp — good time.

Not words you'd expect from the man who gave us the bleaker than death adaptation of The Road, but the film, which sees Shia LaBeouf as a gentle younger sibling to a fierce brood of prohibition era moonshiners is painted with such broad, arch strokes and is filled with such buoyant roots music that only the hardest heart wouldn't smile. There's equally fantastic performances from LaBeouf, Hillcoat regular Guy Pierce (in pure Snidely Whiplash ultra-villain role) and especially, the imposing Tom Hardy, re-channeling his Bane character as a hardened, but gallant, thug with a moral code. Mixing action and even western tropes with fine, sepia soaked period detail and detours of visual and aural poetry, Lawless is an immersive joy and one of the finest films of the year.

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A young girl starts displaying disturbing behaviour after purchasing an old artifact in *The Possession*. HANDOUT

Scary? Yes, but don't call it a horror movie, actor says

The Possession.

New film more of a character piece, says Jeffrey Dean Morgan

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Jeffrey Dean Morgan is all for you getting scared watching *The Possession* — about a young girl who starts displaying disturbing behaviour after her family purchases an old Hebrew artifact — but it's not a horror movie, he swears.

Morgan, who plays the girl's beleaguered dad in the film, makes his pitch for *The Possession* as a character piece and offers some insight on why audiences can't get enough of exorcisms.

What was the initial draw for you for this project?

Everybody wants to label this as a horror movie, and I never considered it to be a horror movie going in.

It actually had a story to it, and I'm so used to horror movies this day and age being found footage, shaky camera, just a f-ing visual onslaught of gore.

This movie actually had a story and it reminded me of the movies that I thought were scary — *The Exorcist* and *Rosemary's Baby* and *The Omen* — where you could become invested in those characters. This had that. (I play) a recently divorced guy trying to be a good father and sort of failing miserably with two teenage daughters.

So you've got a family that's kind of been troubled at the heart of this. And then of

course there's demons inside people, so there's that (laughs).

But it's really, I think, a character piece. I think it really gives the opportunity for us to act and for (director) Ole (Borrendal) to direct, and that helps a great deal when doing this kind of thing.

Why do you think demonic possession continues to be such a popular topic for horror films?

Yeah, I mean people go see these movies, for sure. I don't know, I didn't ever really put it together but it's always the kid who gets possessed, and the parents are trying to, I guess, save the day — with a priest or a rabbi, I guess, in our case.

But I just think a child getting possessed is... what is more horrific for a parent than that? And I think that's some-

thing that maybe people can somehow relate to. And what 11-year-old girl isn't possessed?

Plus so many of them purport to be based on true stories.

There is that element of it could happen, maybe. I'm a skeptic when it comes to all that paranormal activity and craziness and possession, but in doing the little bit of research that I did for this movie, there's some scary s— out there. You can see it on the Internet, actual exorcisms and stuff that have happened.

I've got to wonder how that is there. I mean, it doesn't look staged to me, and it's super-scary. But I think there's that element that this could be a real thing. And people argue that it absolutely is a real thing, and I think because of that it's interesting subject matter.

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The Walking Dead' actor
Scott Wilson arrested
in Georgia on drunken
driving charge

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Sheeran releases debut, collaborates with Swift

You Oughta Know

Tour. The man behind multiple tracks for multiple acts has already sold 1 million units in U.K. from first solo album

Ed Sheeran never wanted to be in a boy band, but when he wrote a song called *Moments* when he was 15, he knew it would someday be a perfect song for a male group.

Luckily for Sheeran, his friends — the English pop quintet One Direction — needed a song, and asked the breakthrough singer to send something their way.

"It was always a song that I always intended for a boy band. I was like, 'This is my boy band song, but I'm never going to sing it,'" Sheeran, now 21, recalled. "I just held on to it for a long period of time."

Moments, a pop ballad, made its way as a bonus track to One Direction's platinum-selling debut album, *Up All Night*, released in March.

He's teaming up again with One Direction for the group's sophomore album, and recently wrote and recorded songs with Taylor Swift for her upcoming fourth album, *Red*. He was tight-lipped about the collaboration, but said the experience was a "breath of fresh air" because of Swift's colossal success.



Ed Sheeran, who wrote the pop ballad *Moments*, performed by One Direction, recently wrote and recorded songs with Taylor Swift for her upcoming fourth album. CHARLES SYKES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"As a person, Taylor's such a sweetheart," he said in a recent interview. "(She's) the perfect example of what

musicians should be and how they should work and react. She just loves music and she's not in it for anything else."

Quote

"It was always a song that I always intended for a boy band. I was like, 'This is my boy band song, but I'm never going to sing it.' I just held on to it for a long period of time."

Ed Sheeran
Speaking about writing a song called *Moments* when he was 15.

English-born Sheeran says he has more than 100 tracks dedicated to other acts. But he isn't just providing tunes for others; he's busy promoting his own songs.

His debut album has sold more than 1 million units in the United Kingdom since its release last September. It was released in the United States in June, where it debuted at No. 5 on Billboard's Top 200 albums chart.

He describes his sound as a mix of "folk, acoustic, hip-hop, soul, everything." His influences range from Damien Rice to James Morrison to Jay-Z.

"I started rapping probably before I started singing," said Sheeran, who will kick off the VH1 You Oughta Know Tour With Ed Sheeran on Sept. 8 in Orlando, Fla. "I was really into Eminem when ... The Slim Shady LP came out. ... I wasn't allowed to have it 'cause he swears a lot."

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Christina Aguilera, a coach on NBC's singing contest *The Voice*, will perform the first single, *Your Body*, on the show on Sept. 17.

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Christina Aguilera says upcoming disc is about 'rebirth'

Christina Aguilera is comparing her upcoming album to a "rebirth."

With more than a decade in the music business behind her, the album will be a culmination of "everything I've experienced up until this point," the 31-year-old pop star said in a recent interview.

"I've been through a lot since the release of my last album, being on (*The Voice*), having had a divorce," she said. "This is all sort of a free rebirth for me."

Aguilera and Jordan Bratman were married for five years before she filed for divorce in 2010. They have a four-year-old son, Max.

Her new album's first single, *Your Body*, was produced by Max Martin, who also produced Aguilera's last hit, the Maroon 5 smash *Moves Like Jagger*, where she was featured.

"I'm embracing many different things, but it's all feel-good," she said of the album's material, including tracks that are "super expressive"

and fun, with moments that are "super vulnerable."

The new album, which is without a release date or announced title, will feature fellow *Voice* coach Cee Lo Green and comes two years after Aguilera's lacklustre *Bionic*, which has sold 310,000 units, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

That album featured electronic and dance-flavoured tracks as well as pop ballads; it's her only album to not reach platinum status.

"In the fashion that I always like to put forth, it's very self-expressive and it's all heartfelt," Aguilera said of her new material.

Adam Levine, Maroon 5 frontman and a *Voice* coach, told Aguilera at a recent news conference for the show that he'd heard *Your Body* and added, "I hate you because it's so good."

Aguilera will perform the song on NBC's *The Voice* on Sept. 17. The show's third season starts Sept. 10.

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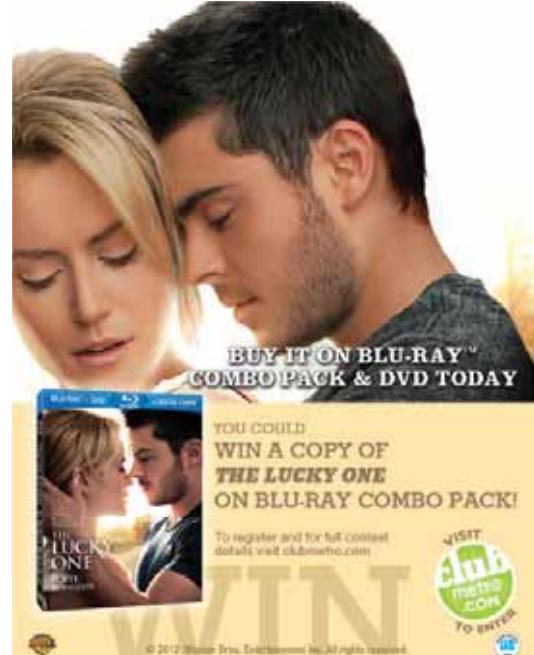
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Lohan a suspect in theft — yes, again

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Although her name was initially cleared, Lindsay Lohan is now officially a suspect in the theft of \$100,000 worth of valuables from a Hollywood home.

Last week, police were called to the home of Sam Magid after Lohan, her assistant and others spent the night partying.

Here's where things get messy, even in Lohan's world: Magid claimed that insanely expensive sunglasses and watches were missing, but later recanted his story.

Then, on Monday, two of Lohan's friends — including Andrew Knight, son of hip-hop mogul Suge Knight — stopped by Magid's house with some of the stolen items that they claim Lohan gave them, reports TMZ.

What's Lohan have to say for herself? Quite a bit.

According to TMZ, she claims that she was in an Ambien fog that night but does remember hiding jewelry, watches and Tiffany silverware out of fear they would be stolen by other guests.

As for anything that actually did walk off, she blames Knight.

Lindsay's father, Michael Lohan, is calling the accusation against his daughter an unfair "witch hunt" — presumably because he forgot she stole a necklace from a high-end jewelry store last year, resulting in a month-long, soul-crushing courtroom circus. Must be nice, Michael. Must be nice.

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All of this negative press is BS.... Whenever I'm doing great, people fabricate lies. It's such a shame. I'm just sayin' xo

Bynes' hit-and-run cases under police scrutiny

Amanda Bynes' most recent hit-and-run incident has led investigators to renew their interest in a similar accident involving the actress from earlier this year, according to Hollyscoop. "Both of Amanda Bynes' hit and run cases are under review right now. I cannot say that we re-opened the original hit-and-run case because it was never closed," a spokesman for the L.A. City

Attorney's office tells the website. "We are reviewing both cases with the LAPD and CHP, so both incidents are under investigation at this time. She has not been charged with anything as of yet. No dates have been set for arraignment or anything else with Amanda at this time." Both incidents Bynes reportedly rear-ending another driver and then fleeing the scene.

Brand linked to fellow Brit Ginger Spice

A month after finalizing his divorce from American pop star Katy Perry, British comedian Russell Brand is apparently sticking closer to home. Brand is reportedly dating Spice Girls member Geri Halliwell, according to the Sun.

Brand and Halliwell, who hung out during the Olympics closing ceremony earlier this month,

were recently spotted out and about at Hampton Court Palace along with Halliwell's 6-year-old daughter. Halliwell, for her part, admits there's a new special someone in her life — but she's leaving it at that. "I'm not going into details," she tells Hello! Magazine. "Right now there's nothing serious."

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Barbados. Ever-popular tropical destination offers local, exotic and exciting food and drink

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As far as Caribbean islands go, there are few that are as robust in their food, wine and rum offerings than Barbados. From the weekly fish fry and rum shacks strewn along the roads across the island to truly fine rum and upscale restaurants, there's much to be enjoyed on the scenic island of Barbados.

For those looking to try the island's traditional fare, head to the St Lawrence Gap's many restaurants where you can get a taste of dishes like

cou cou with flying fish, the national dish of Barbados, officially. Unofficially, there's also favourites like macaroni pie, Bajan pepper sauce and Toronto chef Mark McEwan's pick: "fish sandwiches" or fish cutters, best experienced at Cuz's Fish Stand on Pebbles Beach near Bridgetown.

Then, there's the famous fish fry. At Oistins on Friday and Saturday nights, you can get the day's catch fried or grilled, with a beer in hand and island music in the air.

"Instead of going to a museum like you would in Europe, you've got to get to Oistins for a fish fry when you're in Barbados," says celeb chef Marcus Samuelsson, who, like McEwan can be seen on the island during the Barbados Food & Wine and Rum Festival.

Rum aficionados will not want to miss a visit to Mount

Gay Distilleries, home to the world's oldest rum brand (since 1703), Mount Gay Rum.

For a more artisanal rum, visit St. Nicholas Abbey, home to an original 17th century plantation home and distillery where they sell an eight-year and 12-year old rum. Better yet, when you bring the bottle back to the distillery, they'll fill it up for you half price.

If you're vying for one final meal on the island, head to The Cliff Restaurant. Overlooking a private cove, watch the sun go down on the beachside patio with cocktail in hand while the wave comes in under the glow of romantic lit torches, setting the stage for one of the finest upscale wining and dining experiences on the island.

Want to spend time rubbing elbows with celebrity chefs while noshing on the

best food, wine and rum Barbados has to offer? Then look no further than the Barbados Food & Wine and Rum Festival.

This year, the festival will take place November 16 to 19, 2012 with celebrity chef events, cooking demonstrations, tastings and tours of rum distilleries, just to name a few.

This year's Barbados Food & Wine and Rum Festival will feature celebrity chefs like Canada's own chef Mark McEwan (head judge of Top Chef Canada and proprietor

of Bymark and North 44 in Toronto, just to name a few) along with Marcus Samuelsson (chef of Red Rooster in New York City and winner of Top Chef Masters) and Stephanie Izard (chef of Girl and the Goat in Chicago, Top Chef winner) — just to

If you go...

- Fly. Air Canada and WestJet both offer direct flights from major Canadian cities to Bridgetown, Barbados

- Stay. Elegant Hotels in Barbados offers five distinct hotels including the Colony Club, Crystal Cove, Tamarind, Turtle Beach and The House resorts, each offering unique style of accommodation suited for solo travellers, couples or families.

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Virginia craft brewers raise their glasses to burgeoning beer market

Drinkers kept hopping. Over the last five years, the state's small beermakers have forged quite the attraction for thirsty tourists

From Virginia's industrial outskirts of Richmond to the pastoral landscapes of the Blue Ridge Mountains and beyond, an army of artisans are turning their love of beer into business.

Armed with an arsenal of barley and hops, these craft brewers are looking to cash in on a growing interest in all things local, including alcoholic libations.

And recent changes to state law are helping craft brewers grow their business.

With about 40 craft breweries in the state, Virginia pales

in comparison to U.S. states like California, Oregon and Colorado. But craft brewers in Virginia hope to build on the success of the state's wine industry, which has seen steady growth in recent years and continues to attract tourists seeking to enjoy the concoctions made by Virginia craftsmen.

For the first time, the state has designated August as Virginia Craft Beer month, highlighted by events at breweries, including a statewide festival and competition Saturday at the award-winning Devils Backbone Brewing Company in Nelson County.

"It's exciting right now. ... There's been a real movement in the last five years," said Mike Killelea, chairman of the Virginia Craft Brewers Guild and a brewer at Richmond's Legend Brewing Co. for more than five years.

"Within about two years, you're probably going to have a brewery within a short drive of pretty much every citizen in the commonwealth. ... My hope

Quick facts

- **\$9 billion.** The size of the craft brewery industry in the United States.
- **104,000.** The number of jobs craft brewers provide.
- **11.5 million.** The number of barrels of beer craft brewers sold in 2011.

is that people become more aware of the great beer scene here."

"Craft brewers have become known for their innovation, so they take old world beer styles and have pushed the envelope — packing more flavour ... and doing modern twists on classic styles that often now have created completely different new world styles of beer," said Julia Herz, the craft beer program director at the Brewers Association.

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Virginia artisans are turning their love of beer into a booming business. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Montenegro's allure comes from its contrast of landscapes — mountains, beaches and turquoise waters.



Luxury digs and a marina have upgraded Montenegro into an A-list destination.

Montenegro — where 007 likes to play cards

All that glitters.
Does tiny Balkan state live up to its glam portrayal in Casino Royale?

A newly developed luxury resort village called Porto Montenegro may finally be helping Montenegro's image catch up with its overly glamorous portrayal in the 2006 James Bond film Casino Royale.

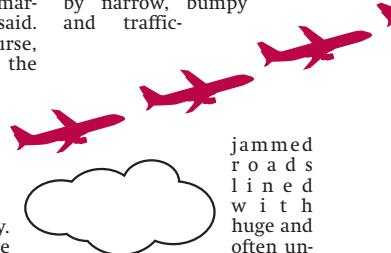
Porto Montenegro — sometimes called the Monte Carlo of the Adriatic — has upgraded this tiny

ago and is a brainchild of Canadian billionaire Peter Munk, who wanted to invest in a less-congested French Riviera-style resort on a relatively remote and undiscovered European territory.

"We really see ourselves as playing a part in the renaissance of Montenegro's tourism, in particular in terms of the marina," said Matt Morley, brand and marketing manager of the marina.

"We get a real mix of customers visiting our marina," he said. "Of course, there is the

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Balkan state from a favourite destination of average Russian and Serbian tourists to a mecca for some of the world's wealthiest people.

Located on the southern corner of the Adriatic Sea, the destination features a huge black-and-white-tiled infinity pool with a panoramic view of the turquoise-coloured water and rocky mountain peaks, Venetian-style waterfront luxury homes, a vibrant nautical village with top brand shops and restaurants, and a vast super-yacht marina for some of the finest boats afloat.

The marina — once a navy port and a dry dock for Yugoslav and Soviet warships — opened about a year

A-list, the super-wealthy. One of the things that we offer is a greater sense of privacy than in a lot of other marinas out there, in the south of France or Sardinia, Italy, for example."

Locals like to brag about scenes from the Bond film, which showed their tiny, poor Balkan state as a neat and romantic place with modern trains and ornate infrastructure. Ironically, says Morley, "the film wasn't actually filmed in Montenegro, but there's a definite sense of mystique still, I think, about Montenegro."

Morley said a casino under construction in Porto Montenegro might even be named Casino Royale.

Much of Montenegro's

allure comes from its shining mix of colours: aquamarine waters, green pine-forested mountains, blazing blue skies and white pebble beaches.

But if Montenegro is the jewel of the Adriatic, it's a rough and unpolished one. Its natural beauty is best seen from a plane landing at the seaside airport of Tivat, a 10-minute drive from Porto Montenegro.

Once on the ground, a different reality emerges: Visitors can be put off by narrow, bumpy and traffic-

jammed roads lined with huge and often unfinished construction sites. Old communist-era decaying hotels dot the spectacular landscape. And the beaches can be overcrowded during the peak of the summer season in July and August.

In some ways, Porto Montenegro is trying to restore the exclusivity of an earlier era. Sveti Stefan is a tiny peninsula with sun-bleached limestone homes that turned from a fishing village to a luxury hotel complex in the 1960s, attracting famous visitors like Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. Its 15th-century stone walls, narrow streets and tiny church were destroyed by an earthquake

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The Porto Montenegro resort is located next to the town of Tivat. PHOTOS: MARKO DROBNJAKOVIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

in 1979, then carefully reconstructed bit by bit. Sveti Stefan lost much of its allure during the Balkan Wars, but today, its red tile roofs shimmer in the sunlight with oleander, bougainvillea and palms providing green and shade. Next to Sveti Stefan, the Queen's Beach offers peace and privacy for \$92 per day per person.

Next door is Budva, Montenegro's biggest tourist resort, featuring a

with the ham hors-d'oeuvre and the must-have "loza" (a strong brandy made from grapes) as a before-dinner drink, cost up \$75 per person, without a customary 10 per cent tip. Even though Montenegro is not a European Union country, the euro is its official currency.

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cici— small spiced minced meat sausages, and a pint of beer runs about \$10. A full dinner of local delicacies such as octo-

pus salad and stuffed squid will cost around \$43, including a local wine.

Serbian,

or Montenegrin as it is now called after the split from Serbia, is the local language. English, Italian and German are spoken by many locals, especially restaurant waiters and hotel staff.

Buses for the famous Croatian resort of Dubrovnik leave Budva every day. Daylong boat excursions from Budva to Sveti Stefan cost about \$12. A day-trip by bus to Mount Lovcen via Njegusi, home of the best dried ham and goat cheese dipped in olive oil in the Balkans, is a must. The Montenegro Tourist agency provides day-trips to a wide array of sights.

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Old Town with its warren of little lanes lined with shops and restaurants buzzing with activity. With its intact city walls, narrow streets and seaside cafes, Budva can seem like a vest-pocket version of Dubrovnik, the renowned Croatian resort on the border with Montenegro. Some of Montenegro's best restaurants — offering hors-d'oeuvres of traditional extra-dry ham and goat cheese dipped in olive oil — are located in Budva and in the neighbouring fishing village of Bigovo.

"Now we're getting these richer tourists on yachts," said Nikola Lazarevic, owner of the Grispolis restaurant in Bigovo, perched on a deep sea bay nestled between pristine hills covered with ancient olive trees.

"More money spent, better for us," Lazarevic said as he served delicious grilled fish spiced with garlic and parsley, coupled with famous Montenegrin Vranac red wine.

Such a meal together

quaint, stonewalled

split from much larger Serbia in 2006, Montenegro experienced a real estate boom, with mostly Russians and Britons investing en masse into new hotels, tourist resorts or even complete new villages.

"I think it's one of the most marvellous places in the world," said Dmitry Krysin, a plastic surgeon from Moscow. "I used to travel a lot and practically I can't see anything more positive, relaxing, cheap, where to stay and enjoy."

As cheap eats, the favourite Balkan fast food — cevap-

If you go...

- **Getting there.** Montenegro Airlines flies to the capital of Podgorica and to the Adriatic Sea airport of Tivat from European cities including Paris, Rome, Budapest, Zurich, Moscow, Frankfurt, Istanbul and Ljubljana. JAT Airways, the Serbian national airline, flies to Belgrade from most European capitals, and has several flights a day from Belgrade to Podgorica and Tivat. A return ticket for a 45-minute flight from Belgrade costs \$124.
- **Lodging.** A night in a hotel with breakfast can start from \$62 for a double room, but new hotels on the Adriatic coast start from about \$124 per night for a double room. Private owners offer a double room starting from \$24.

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Artist 'discovers' new way to view Christopher Columbus monument

Controversial vision.

Plan to build art installation around iconic statue in Manhattan draws criticism

A Japanese artist is inviting the public to have an intimate view of Christopher Columbus high above a hectic intersection in midtown Manhattan.

Tatzu Nishi is constructing a contemporary living room on top of the Columbus Monument in Columbus Circle, where a 13-foot statue of Columbus is perched on a six-story column in the middle of a plaza where five busy streets intersect by an entrance to Central Park.

Some Italian-Americans say the art project makes a mockery of the great explorer and trivializes history.

Discovering Columbus, commissioned by the non-profit Public Art Fund, is a free



What the Columbus Circle looked like in 1933. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Columbus Circle as it looks today, awaiting Nishi's touch. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

exhibition that will run from Sept. 20 to Nov. 18.

Nishi has encased the 70-foot-tall column in scaffolding and is in the process of erecting the living room — complete with couch, coffee table and lamps — around the figure of Columbus.

Visitors will climb stairs to reach the living room, where they will have a bird's-eye view of the city and Central Park. An elevator will be available for those who can't climb the stairs.

"Encasing this majestic statue in a cocoon of conceptual art demeans the community and trivializes history," said Rosario Iaconis, chairman of the Italic Institute of America, an education think-tank that represents about 1,000 Italians nationwide.

The fund said it received no objections to the art installation from other Italian groups, including the Columbus Citizens Foundation, a 600-member organization that sponsors the annual New York City Columbus Day Parade; the 50,000-member National Italian American Foundation in Washington, D.C.; and the Italian counsel general in New York.

Nicholas Baume, director and chief curator of the Public Art Fund, said he believed people's response to the piece will be different once they see it. "What Nishi's work is all about is drawing attention and giving access to the public to urban monuments, statues and architectural details that they wouldn't normally have access to and to present it in a new way that gives it a contemporary relevance and opens our eyes to something that is perhaps overlooked," he said.

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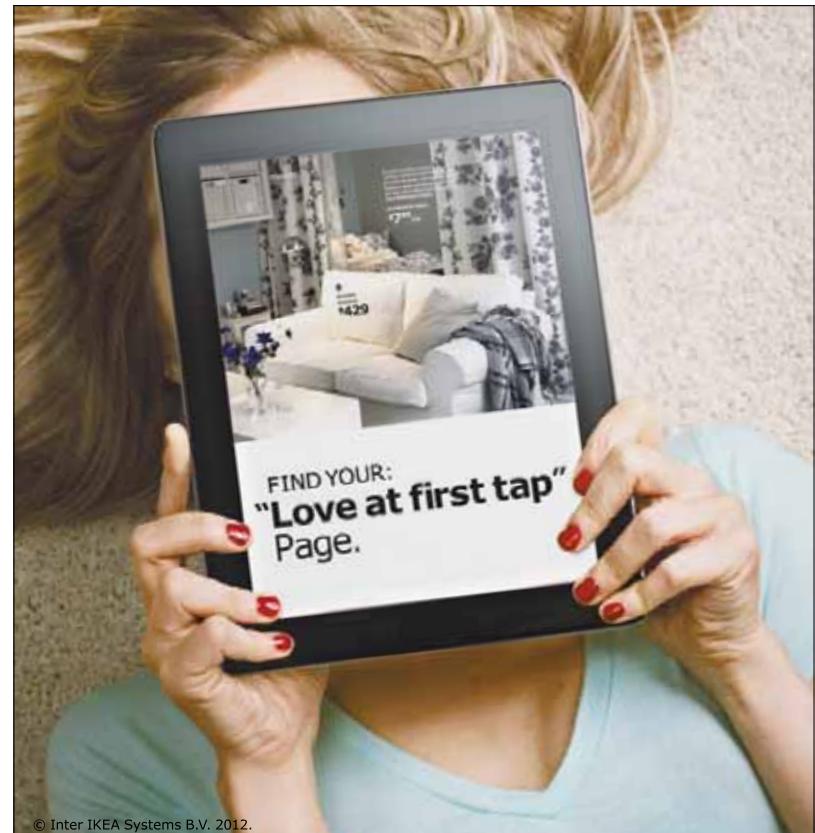
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Seven is the magic number for making this Grilled Mushroom Pita Pizza. That's the number of ingredients you'll need to take snacking to a new level of sophistication.

Pita bread with mushrooms make these individual grilled pizzas a delightful lunch or snack.

If the mushrooms are too long for the pitas, thickly slice the mushrooms on a cutting board and place on top the spinach. Thinner pitas will crisp better than thick ones.

1. In a small bowl, whisk oil and garlic together; lightly brush mushrooms on both sides with garlic oil.

2. Barbecue mushrooms on high heat for 2 to 3 minutes per side or until mushrooms are lightly softened.

3. Meanwhile, place pitas on barbecue over high heat and cook for 2 minutes on one side or until warmed through. Remove to a tray or cutting board and spread softer side with tomato pesto. Top with spinach and then warm mushrooms, stem side up.

4. Return to barbecue and cook for additional 2 to 3 minutes or until slightly crisp. Garnish with Parmesan. Cut in halves or quarters and serve immediately. Season with pepper.

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Ingredients

- 45 ml (3 tbsp) olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed into olive oil
- 4 large fresh portobello mushroom caps
- 4 whole-wheat pita breads (15 to 18 cm/6 to 7 inches)
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) sun-dried
- tomato pesto
 - 1 l (4 cups) baby spinach or arugula leaves (60 g/2 oz)
 - 125 ml (1/2 cup) shaved Parmesan or Romano cheese
 - Freshly ground pepper, to taste

Grilled Mushroom Pita Pizza



This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Drink of the Week

Strawberry-Ginger Limade Slushies

Strawberries and limeade is a classic summer combination. Throw in some ginger and you have a refreshing drink with which to keep cool.

- 3 cups lightly crushed ice
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup strawberry jam
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 1 tbsp grated fresh ginger
- Pinch salt

Combine all ingredients in a blender. Purée until smooth. You may need to stop the blender once or twice and stir the ingredients in order to keep them moving in the blender. Serve immediately.

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Grilled vegetables may never have tasted so good thanks to a walnut aioli that adds flavour and protein. Delicately balanced spices and herbs lend an earthy aroma and mouth watering flavours to every single bite.

Ingredients

- Lemon Walnut Aioli**
- 250 ml (1 cup) walnuts, toasted
 - 30 ml (2 tbsp) Dijon mustard
 - 30 ml (2 tbsp) tahini
 - 30 ml (2 tbsp) mayonnaise
 - 1 lemon, juiced
- Vegetable Sandwich**
- 1 medium zucchini, sliced into 1-cm (1/2-inch) coins
 - 1 small eggplant, cut in 1-cm (1/2-inch) slices
 - 1 orange pepper, sliced in strips
 - 4 small tomatoes, sliced in half
 - 1 onion, sliced 1 cm (1/2 inch) thick
 - 60 ml (4 tbsp) olive oil
 - Salt and pepper, to taste
 - 8 slices sourdough bread
 - 1 clove garlic
 - Handful fresh basil leaves, cut in chiffonade (optional)



This sandwich serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

The lemon walnut aioli tastes great with grilled chicken and also can be used as a burger spread or vegetable dip.

1. Lemon Aioli: In a food processor, place walnuts, Dijon, tahini, mayonnaise and lemon juice; pulse into a chunky paste. Set aside.

2. In a large bowl, toss zucchini, eggplant, pepper, tomatoes and onion with 30 ml (2 tbsp) of the olive oil, salt and pepper and grill to desired doneness.

3. Brush bread with remaining oil and lightly grill on both sides. Rub each slice of bread gently with garlic.

4. Spoon 15 ml (1 tbsp) of aioli on 2 slices of bread and place one-quarter of the grilled vegetables between the slices.

5. Repeat with remaining bread and vegetables. Garnish sandwiches with basil leaves, if desired. THE CANADIAN PRESS/WALNUTINFO.COM

Seeded Onion Biscuits. Serve these bites fresh and hot from the oven



1. Heat oven to 230 C (450 F).

2. In a mixing bowl, combine flour, baking powder, salt and butter. Beat until mixture has a fine, crumbly texture.

3. Lightly beat in 125 ml (1/2 cup) of the onions and enough milk (125 ml/1/2 cup, more or less) to make a soft dough. Do not overbeat or the biscuits will become tough.

4. Turn dough onto lightly floured board and gently pat into an 18-cm (7-inch) square. Cut into 9 equal squares. Sprinkle with remaining 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped onions and choice of seeds. Transfer to baking sheet. Bake for 20 minutes

or until done. Serve immediately. THE CANADIAN PRESS/U.S. NATIONAL ONION ASSOCIATION

Ingredients

- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) whole-wheat flour
- 5 ml (1 tsp) baking powder
- 3 ml (3/4 tsp) salt
- 250 ml (1 cup) finely chopped onions, divided
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) chilled butter, sliced thinly
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) skim milk (approx)
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) sesame or sunflower seeds or 7 ml (1/2 tsp) poppy or caraway seeds

From athletic blog to journalism job

If you type it, the job may come.

Chris Lund's success story illustrates that pursuing your passion produces opportunity

ELIAS DA SILVA-POWELL
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Chris Lund graduated from Queen's University in 2011 with a range of experience more accustomed to someone many years his senior.

Only two months after graduation, he started a position as a web editor and writer for The Score Sports Network, managing the website's editorial content.

It's an entry-level job any sports journalist would jump at.

Chris hadn't cashed in on family connections; he hadn't lied on his numerous résumés; indeed, he isn't even a graduate of a journalism program.

And yet, despite Chris's uncommon track record with the written word, his journey begins with that most conven-

tional of written modes — a blog.

Humble beginnings

In July 2009, Chris and his friend Matt Piazza started a blog at AlwaysOUA.blogspot.com.

The duo were dissatisfied with the then-limited coverage of Ontario University Athletics (OUA).

National media outlets pay little attention to varsity level game play, while university press departments generally focus on the prospects of their own teams.

"We didn't want what we thought were very entertaining and very competitive sports to go unnoticed," said Chris.

Original ideas are rare on the Internet. With millions of blogs online — over 100 million as of 2011 — it's safe to say that if you can think of a topic, someone is probably blogging about it already.

AlwaysOUA proved the exception.

Branching out

The blog suddenly filled a void for the OUA community.

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in our first month, just because teams are so willing to have extra coverage," said Chris.

Close proximity to teams helped the pair develop interesting coverage while exploring different ways to raise the profile of OUA game play.

"We conducted polls asking students, 'How can we get you out to games?' and shared the results with schools and teams," Chris said.

Chris also submitted an op-ed piece to the Queen's University student newspaper, titled, We need to value our campus athletics, and put his mouth where his money was, taking the microphone as the sports director for Queen's campus radio station, CFRC-FM.

More than just a blog

Within a year, the blog started an opportunity snowball.

Chris was contacted by The Score Sports Network, who asked him to contribute to their University Rush blog.

With his foot in the door, Chris began networking with

professionals in his field and found himself in touch with a copy editor for The Hockey News, who referred him to the paper's editorial internship program. He started in May 2011.

"The Hockey News is the premier publication for the sport. NHL players have subscriptions. If it says it in there, it matters," said Chris.

Twitter

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Question of the day:
Which online tools are you using to stand out to employers? (e.g., blogging, Pinterest, Twitter, LinkedIn, Tumblr, etc)

@Jeevana

Twitter and LinkedIn, I find are very promising in sending the message across.

It all worked out

"I turned the blogging experience into work, which really taught me how to function at the professional level."

Chris Lund

With his experience in writing, editing and public relations, Chris set his sights on a full-time job when a web editor position at The Score crossed his desk.

With his track record for dedicated work at the grassroots level and beyond, it's no surprise he got the job.

Back to basics

Now 22, Chris has a LinkedIn profile with a volume of qualifications and experience that most of us hope to have in five years — with luck.

He maintains that his accomplishments all began with his work in blogging.

Sound advice

Words of wisdom

Chris was fortunate in finding an unfulfilled niche in the blogosphere, but his success also took a great deal of perseverance and dedication. His experience yields some excellent advice.

- "With the advent of online media like blogging, there is an overwhelming amount of competition but there are also an overwhelming number of opportunities to get experience and to get noticed," he said.
- "Your writing will speak for itself, but you still have to be out there enough to find the right eyes."

"When the blog started getting attention from other writers and schools, I had a moment where I thought, 'I can do this.' That was the moment I realized that this work is what I want to do for a living."

Blogging not only helped him develop the conviction to pursue a lifelong passion, but gave him the tools to do so.

"I turned the blogging experience into work which really taught me how to function at the professional level. I wouldn't have had a portfolio worthy of The Score without the blog, I wouldn't have had a portfolio worthy of The Hockey News without The Score and the blog, and so on."

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Pin down that job

An interest in Pinterest. How to use this ultra-connected corkboard to land a job

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Sure, Pinterest is great for finding recipes, wedding dresses and learning how to make your own deodorant, but this visually driven social media can also help you find a job.

In an age where professional Facebook pages and Twesumes are becoming regular additions to job applications, having a professional Pinterest account can help you stand out from the rest of the online crowd.

For those who aren't familiar with the site, Pinterest allows its users to set up an online page and post original and shared content in the form of photos, much like you would pin something to a cork-board. The photo layout of the site makes it easy for readers to get a lot of information in a small amount of space.

Pinterest can be a great way to showcase your skills to potential employers, especially if you're in creative or marketing fields.

Create a resumé and portfolio on Pinterest

According to Pinterest's Pin Etiquette, boards are intended to be authentic reflections of each user. And with more than six million users, including major companies, you're showcasing who you are to a big audience.

Creating a professional Pinterest board for your resume and work portfolio can showcase your skills, talent and creativity to potential employers.

Marketing expert Christofer Penn says, "The key to figuring out how to present effectively on Pinterest is to

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They're watching you

"With more than six million users, including major companies, you're showcasing who you are to a big audience."

Ishani Nath

present visually even for non-visual stuff."

Instead of just telling people you're gutsy, pin a photo of you sky diving to your Pinterest resumé board with the caption "Skydiving? Risk taker." That's exactly what Harvard business school graduate Jeanne Hwang did. Jeanne used her board to showcase her previous jobs, her interests and even a picture of her puppy.

Also, use Twitter and Facebook to promote your Pinterest account to specific companies to get their attention.

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Mobile sports



Canada's Paralympic team has reached an all-time high in financing and support heading into London. And with the Games set to kick off on Wednesday, it couldn't have come at a better time with the competition perhaps stiffer than ever. Scan the code for the story.

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Djokovic cruises past Lorenzi in Round 1 of U.S. Open

Novak Djokovic returns a shot during his 6-1, 6-0, 6-1 opening-round win over Paolo Lorenzi at the U.S. Open in New York on Tuesday night. Also on Tuesday, Milos Raonic of Thornhill, Ont., overcame 55 unforced errors, including 15 double faults, to defeat Santiago Giraldo 6-3, 4-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. On the women's side, eighth-seeded Caroline Wozniacki, slowed by a right knee injury, fell 6-2, 6-2 to 96th-ranked Irina-Camelia Begu and 19-year-old Sloane Stephens upset 2010 French Open champion, and No. 22 seed, Francesca Schiavone 6-3, 6-4. MATTHEW STOCKMAN/GETTY IMAGES

NHL offers a new proposal to players

Quoted



"I'm encouraged that we're talking, to be honest with you."

NHL player representative Mathieu Darche on Tuesday's proposal from the league. Darche added that it's obvious the NHL took time to come up with the new proposal.

said Bettman.

Neither side would discuss specific elements of the new deal. NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr gave an initial response to the league on Tuesday afternoon and requested that the parties gather again Wednesday after the union has had more time to examine it.

"It's a proposal that we intend to respond to," said Fehr. "I'll leave it at that."

The current collective agree-

ment expires Sept. 15 and the NHL has said it will lock the players out if a new deal isn't reached by then.

The owners and players have had trouble getting on the same page. Bettman indicated the league's new offer was a direct counter-proposal to the offer the players put forth two weeks ago and hopes it helps spark negotiations.

"I'm trying to get us on to the same page, I'm trying to get

us on to a common language," he said.

The proposal was unveiled in an intimate setting, with only Fehr and top assistant Steve Fehr in the room for the players and Bettman and deputy commissioner Bill Daly for the league. The morning meeting lasted about 45 minutes and concluded with Donald Fehr saying he wanted to apprise his constituents of the situation.

About four hours later, the Fehr brothers returned to the NHL's head office along with players Mathieu Darche, Ron Hainsey and Douglas Murray.

The afternoon session was over in about 30 minutes, with both sides agreeing to meet again on Wednesday.

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MMA

St-Pierre cleared for comeback

Georges St-Pierre says he has been medically cleared to return to the Octagon.

The mixed-martial-arts star from Montreal had reconstructive knee surgery in January after tearing an anterior cruciate ligament and his internal meniscus during a wrestling training session last fall.

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Georges St-Pierre GETTY IMAGES FILE

MLB

Jays lose Bautista for rest of 2012

Blue Jays slugger Jose Bautista will have season-ending surgery to stabilize a tendon in his left wrist.

Bautista said Tuesday before the Blue Jays' 2-1 loss at Yankee Stadium that the recovery period is three to four months and he would be ready to play long before the start of spring training next year.

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NFL

"Any experience is incredibly helpful for me right now."



Indianapolis Colts' No. 1 pick Andrew Luck. Thursday's pre-season finale against Cincinnati will be the final chance for Luck and the Colts to fix any problems before the games start counting for real.

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Baltimore	71	57	.555	3½
Tampa Bay	70	59	.543	5
Boston	62	67	.491	13
Toronto	57	71	.445	19½

CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	71	57	.555	—
Detroit	69	59	.539	2
Kansas City	57	71	.445	14
Cleveland	55	74	.426	16½
Minnesota	52	77	.403	19½

WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	77	52	.597	—
Oakland	71	57	.555	5½
Los Angeles	66	62	.516	10½
Seattle	63	67	.485	14½

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McCabeira Det	126	490	83	159	.324
Jeter NYY	126	541	83	174	.322
Konerko CWS	111	414	53	132	.319
Revere Min	91	382	53	119	.312
Mauer Min	119	443	67	138	.312
Fielder Det	127	460	68	143	.311
Beltre Tex	123	480	73	149	.310
Cano NYY	127	490	78	152	.310
Butler KC	126	477	54	145	.304
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NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	77	51	.602	—
Atlanta	73	56	.566	4½
Philadelphia	61	68	.473	16½
New York	60	69	.465	17½
Miami	59	71	.454	19

CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	78	52	.600	—
St. Louis	71	58	.550	6½
Pittsburgh	69	60	.535	8½
Milwaukee	61	67	.477	16
Chicago	49	79	.383	28
Houston	40	89	.310	37½

WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	72	57	.558	—
Los Angeles	69	61	.531	3½
Arizona	64	65	.496	8
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Engine

A 2.4-litre four-cylinder produces 174 horsepower and 171 pound-feet of torque. It's connected to a six-speed manual transmission or optional six-speed automatic. Shifting your own gears results in optimum fuel economy: 10.1 l/100 km in the city and 6.7 on the highway, which is slightly better than 10.6/6.9 rating with the automatic.

Trim options

The \$21,500 (including destination charges) base LS doesn't stray too far from basic, but spending an extra \$2,300 for the 1LT trim adds air conditioning, cruise control, tilt/telescoping steering, floor console and upgraded seat coverings.

Versatility

The basic platform is shared with Chevrolet's Cruze sedan, although the Orlando is somewhat longer and wider overall and features an extra 7.5 centimetres between the front and rear wheels.

That added distance is the key to the Orlando's versatility. Three rows of seats come standard on all trim levels, including a 60:40 split-folding

three-place second row and a 50:50 split-folding two-passenger third row that's more kid friendly than anything. Both second- and third-rows can be folded completely flat, creating a cavernous cargo hold that can swallow nearly any big-box-store item you would care to haul home.

For smaller items there are plenty of handy storage spots to be found throughout the cabin.

2012 Chevrolet Orlando

- **Type:** Four-door, seven-passenger, front-wheel-drive compact wagon.

- **Engine (hp):** 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (174).

- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 10.1/6.7(MT).

- **Base Price (incl. destination):** \$21,500.

Review. It carries plenty, without costing plenty

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Canadians should be grateful that General Motors has brought the Chevrolet Orlan-

do to this country.

That's because, for some reason, Chevy fans and dealers south of the border are going without this practical and affordable wagon that hails from GM's Korean subsidiary. Named for a city in Florida, but won't be available there?

Interesting.

The Orlando (perhaps the Saskatoon or the Halifax might have made better names) slots directly below

the five-seat Equinox and well below the full-size Traverse in Chevrolet's tall-wagon hierarchy.

This junior-sized, front-wheel-drive space maker is an ideal minivan alternative. Its seven-passenger capacity is a match for most vehicles in the people-mover class, albeit in a tighter package for people and goods. But the Orlando actually competes against the Mazda 5, Kia Rondo and

Dodge Journey. This trio also offers three-row seating and all but only the Journey can be ordered with optional all-wheel-drive.

The Orlando might have far offshore roots, but from its prominent Chevrolet "bowtie" brand on the grille to its rear liftgate, this wagon is definitely domestically influenced. In particular the side view appears inspired by the bigger Traverse, especially the

wide doors and the upsweep of the roof pillar. The character-adding flared-out fenders and full-length roof rails also help make the vehicle appear larger than it actually is.

With its up-front costs within reach of most Canadian families, the Orlando should easily make the active-consideration list. Feeling sorry for our Orlando-less American neighbours comes at no extra charge.

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Selection, style and capability were arguably the biggest draws to the outgoing generation of the Ford Escape.

With four and six-cylinder power, front or all-wheel drive, generous ground clearance and a large span of options and packages, this Canadian favourite offered a variation that was just right for virtually any shopper.

Key competitors included the Toyota RAV4, Honda CR-V and Nissan Rogue.

Common Issues

Approach your used Escape looking for signs of transmission trouble. Hard shifting, 'flaring' or slipping during gear changes could all be signs of trouble. Ensure the unit shifts between drive and reverse as quickly as you'd expect, too. Be double sure the transmission in the used Escape you're considering operates as expected — and have a mechanical inspection completed regardless.

Your local Ford dealer will be familiar with the Escape's potential transmission trouble and able to quickly diagnose or repair any issues — whether covered by a recall or otherwise.

Also, have the engine checked for oil level, condition and signs of leakage.



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Engine

Look for four- and six-cylinder engines, with output as high as 240 horsepower. In 2009, the Escape's powertrain lineup was updated to include newer, more modern engines and transmissions.

What Owners Like

Performance from the V6 engine, off-road capability with 4-wheel drive, a sporty and comfortable ride and a flexible interior were all rated highly by owners.

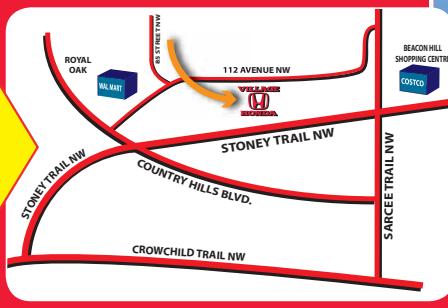
What Owners Dislike

Common complaints include 'gear hunting,' noisy engines, poor performance from the factory stereo system and higher-than-expected levels of road noise.

Verdict

Shoppers set on this generation Escape are advised to seek out a dealer-maintained model with a good portion of remaining factory warranty, opting for extended powertrain warranty coverage if their budget allows.

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Last week of summer. A joyous time for parents with school-age kids.

Two reasons to give thanks.

One, it's great to see their good times come crashing down — they had it too good for too long.

Two, it's another poignant reminder that your own school days are mercifully over, and you won't be the one heading out the door next Tuesday with a bad lunch and an over-stuffed backpack.

School isn't all bad, of course. And if you're the type that gets an extra kick from things automotive, then high school was, or will be, a heady time.

An automotive restorer once told me that, almost without fail, a guy would restore and/or buy a particular model of classic car later in life, based on their first-ever car lust, which usually



Ah the ol' school bus. Is it time for a redesign? We don't think so. ISTOCK

occurred when they were 12 to 14.

The cool cars they saw then on the road, and envisioned themselves behind the wheel of, will remain the coolest cars ever made, in their opinion.

So just think of the young brains that are getting programmed for life right now, by their first in-the-flesh encounters with something like an Audi R8, Lamborghini Aventador, or McLaren MP4-12C.

High school is also when

a lot of kids first learn to drive, and possibly get their own cars. (There was one memorable guy in my Grade 8 class who not only had his licence, but also his own car, which he drove to school, and parked in the same lot as the teachers! Obviously this was an era in which you were actually allowed to fail an elementary grade.)

My parents wouldn't allow me to purchase my own car in high school, on the premise that I had no business owning a car, when all I wanted

to do with one is drive around town playing 8-track tapes.

It was a particularly hurtful thing to say because it was 100 per cent accurate.

I guess the most iconic school-related vehicle is the yellow school bus. Progress marches on, but the school bus seems resistant to change.

In that regard, they're much like that Coke-Pepsi line. All sorts of cultural walls have come down, but you still can't get Coke and Pepsi together in the same eating or drinking establishment. It's one or the other folks...

But back to school buses. They haven't changed much because they continue to have a great safety record.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

A lot is at stake at the moment, especially financially, so don't let others rush you into making any sudden decisions. The more they try to convince you that you need to act immediately, the more you should take your time.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You must make an effort to control your emotions. As Mars, planet of anger, moves through your opposite sign you will get upset more easily than usual with people who annoy you. Don't go too far.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

This is a good time to make changes to your work routine but make sure they are changes that favour you and not other people. Colleagues and employers will take advantage of you if you let them.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

This is a great time for getting things done. With Mars on your side, there is precious little you cannot accomplish. But you must be clear about your aims. Set yourself a single goal each and every day.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

If your domestic situation could do with some sort of improvement then now is the time to stop thinking about it and do something practical. Don't just touch up the paintwork, have a complete renovation.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

With Mars, planet of action, moving through the area of your chart that governs travel and social activities, you won't let anyone or anything hold you back from having a good time. You thoroughly deserve it.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You may be a little worried about your money situation but there is really no need. Over the next few weeks you will get several opportunities to boost the size of your bank balance. Don't waste them.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Mars, planet of ambition, is now well established in your birth sign, which means you can at last start putting your plans into effect. Take responsibility for your own success — and take what it is you desire.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You like to see the world through rose-tinted spectacles but you may have to work harder at it today. When things go wrong — and sometimes they will — don't assume that the sky is about to fall. It's never that bad.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

If you make the effort to work with people, there is no limit to what you can accomplish over the next few days. Join forces with those who share your dreams. Together you can make them happen.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Whatever your career may be, it will take on more importance now and in the near future. It's not about your worldly status, it's about what your talents are and how you can use them for the greater good.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

You can, if you wish, throw caution to the wind and do as you please. You can, if you wish, neglect your chores and indulge your passions. And you should. You very much need some down time — and that time is now. SALLY BROMPTON

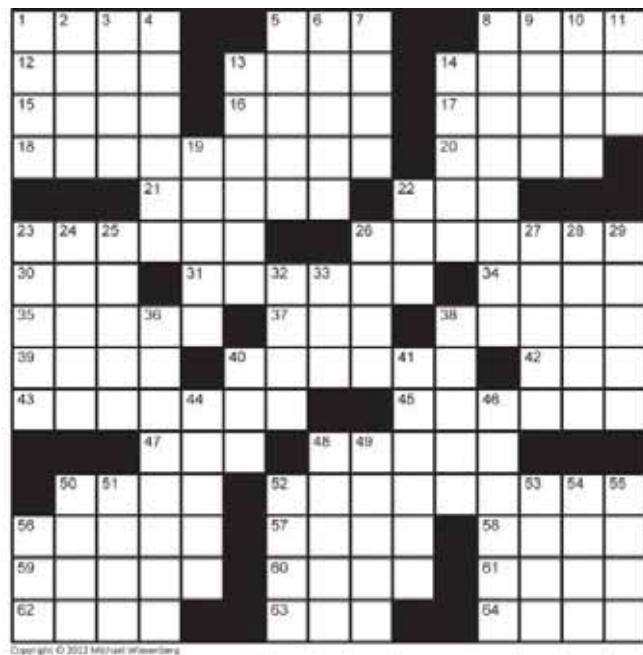
Crossword: Teams, Author, Places, Symbol

Across

1. Steve McQueen's first major movie, with "The"
5. NNW's opposite
8. CAA giveaways
12. Ready to be picked
13. Toronto-born classical pianist Gould
14. Chalet overhangs
15. "Be with you in ____!" (2 wds.)
16. Bassoon or clarinet
17. Lockups at sea
18. Montréal team
20. Helps
21. "Would I ____ you?" (2 wds.)
22. Picnic pest
23. *I, Robot* author Isaac
26. Alberta's northern member of the CFL
30. Alta. neighbor
31. Decorative stickers
34. Underground digging workplace
35. Québec peninsula
37. Canadiens member, familiarly
38. Distributed cards
39. Prevaricator
40. Medicinal amount
42. Lean-____: makeshift sheds
43. Where to find Kingston
45. Parliament's home
47. Bond creator Fleming
48. "Tell ____ I Love Her": 1960 teenage tragedy hit
50. Barroom projectile
52. Canada symbol (2 wds.)
56. Ontario-born Mandel of *Deal or No Deal*
57. With respect to, legal letter style (2 wds.)
58. Great Lake
59. Barbecue residue
60. Campfire entertainment
61. "And ____ word from our sponsor" (2 wds.)
62. Bovine sounds
63. My gal of song
64. 1917 revolution casualty

Down

1. Bric-a-____: knick-knacks
2. Bart Simpson's sister
3. Unclosed
4. "Relax" (2 wds.)
5. Icy precipitation
6. "____ evil, speak ..." (2 wds.)
7. Finishes
8. ____ Provinces: they're on the Atlantic
9. Gung-ho
10. Coat hooks
11. "Boo-o-o-o-o-o!"
13. Mourn
14. Online loan source
19. Electron tube
22. Blockhead
23. Non Francophone
24. Boyfriend in Shakespeare's time
25. "Can you show me where ____?" (2 wds.)
26. 1814-15 exile for Napoleon
27. Mazda introduced in 1989
28. At the minimum setting (2 wds.)
29. ____ good example: is a role model (2 wds.)
32. Doubled, a train
33. Certain batteries
36. Provinces between BC and 43-Across, familiarly
38. Raison ____: reason for being
40. Up roar
41. Robert ____: Canadian-American singer and actor who starred as Lancelot in the 1960 Broadway musical *Camelot*
44. Bank posting
46. Artistic asset
48. Sri ____, formerly Ceylon
49. Taxing time
50. "Make it happen" (2 wds.)
51. *Horton Hears ____*: Dr. Seuss (2 wds.)
52. Bypass
53. Valentine personality



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

2	8	7	4	1	6	9	5	3
1	3	4	2	9	5	8	7	6
5	9	6	3	8	7	1	2	4
8	2	3	5	7	4	8	1	9
4	1	8	9	3	2	7	6	5
9	7	5	1	6	8	3	4	2
8	4	1	6	5	3	2	9	7
7	6	2	8	4	9	5	3	1
3	5	9	7	2	1	4	8	6

9	7	5	6	4
6	1			9
3		8		
4	7		5	
3	5		2	1
		6	5	3
		8	6	
2			5	7
9	1	4	3	8

Weather

TODAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



MAX: 18°
MIN: 10°



MAX: 10°
MIN: 7°



MAX: 17°
MIN: 4°



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